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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In view of the public agitation against what has happened with the Annamalai University, will the Government have an inquiry instituted on the events that led to the closing of the college and classes? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The public agitation has been on the indiscipline of the students which has to be stopped and not about the action of the Vice-Chancellor."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not the duty of the Government to cause an enquiry to be made why the college has been closed and find out what the doings were that led to its closure and what the facts really are? Is it not their duty to enquire into this expeditiously, for the students are losing their study for about three months? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The college has been reopened on the 7th December. I have already said so. Apart from that, the Government are more anxious to get full information about this matter. From the report of the district officers as also the report of the Director of Public Instruction, it is felt there is no necessity to cause an inquiry and the Government are satisfied that the Vice-Chancellor's action was right and the postponement of the opening of the college was quite necessary."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government aware of the public feeling that the authorities have been too harsh upon the students? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Not at all; on the other hand, I feel that the authorities have been too generous in the matter."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I am not asking what the feelings of the Minister are. I am asking whether the Government are aware of the public feeling that the authorities have been too harsh upon the students."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I was reflecting the public feeling when I said that the authorities have been too generous."

Report regarding the working of the Government Press.

* 110 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Committee appointed by the Government to enquire into the working of the Government Press has finished its labours and submitted its report;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the recommendations are and what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken on the same; and

(*c*) whether a copy of the report will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Yes.

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"(b) & (c) The report is under consideration of Government and is treated as confidential."

11-45 a.m. Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Will the Government publish the report when they come to a decision on the recommendations?"

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—"When it is no longer confidential, it will be published if necessary."

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* THE REGULATION OF ELECTRIC SUPPLY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—"I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Sri Narayanaswami Nayudu."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Sir, I would suggest that the hon. Member may ask for leave to-morrow. If you permit me, I will make a short statement after question time and I hope it will satisfy the hon. Member, and he may not ask for leave."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—"The suggestion is that the Hon. Minister will make a statement and on that statement if the hon. Member wants to press for his motion, he can do so."

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—"I agree to it. May I know whether this motion will stand or whether I will have to move it again to-morrow."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member may move it to-morrow."

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—"I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, dated the 12th January 1950—

'In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Village Panchayats Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1949), as passed by the Assembly on the 12th January 1950, and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council'."

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

Visit of the Speaker of Central Assembly.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—"I wish to inform the House that Sri G. V. Mavalankar, Speaker of the Central Assembly, is visiting this House to-morrow at 11 of the clock. I have to request all the hon. Members to be present in as large numbers as possible so that we may be able to present a full House to him, and especially I may request the Hon. Premier and other Ministers to be present."

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—"And make the question hour as interesting as possible." (Laughter.)